

# Miscellaneous Dermatoses

1- lichen sclerosus et atrophicus → 1

2- Geriatric dermatology

3- Atrophy of skin

↳ Anetoderma

↳ Striae (stretch marks)

4- perforating Dermatosis

- Kyrle's disease

- Hyperkeratosis lenticularis  
perstans

- perforating folliculitis

- elastosis perforans

- Colloid milium

5- Flushing

6- Histiocytoses

- Langerhans

- Non-langerhans

- DD Red Face

7- Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders

8- Cutis



# Lichen Sclerosus et Atrophicus

- D.F: uncommon disease.
  - more in female (10:1)
  - 40 - 50 yr.
  - may develop in childhood
  - The genitals most frequent site
  - alone or e<sup>x</sup>tragenital lesion

## Clinical Features:

### [A] Extragenital lesions

- Rare in children
- non-itchy, minute, shiny porcelain-white atrophic papules  
↓  
may coalesce → to form irregular white plaque → with slight induration "Sclerosus"
- Small Comedo-like follicular plugs → seen on surface
- Rarely: Bullae, purpura, Telangiectasia, milium

- Site: o- upper part of Trunk → specially Between and Below Breast o around the Neck, flexural surface of the wrist

[B] Mouth lesions: Reticular lesion similar to Lichen planus. Bluish-white plaques: inner surface of cheek

- [C] LSA of the vulva: - "Kraurosis vulva"
  - Itchy - Sharply demarcated, whitish lesions
  - in perianal Region
  - The vulva and anal Region → encircled in figure of-eight pattern "Keyhole" lesion

- atrophy of Labia, narrowing of vaginal orifice
- The pt<sup>n</sup> complain of soreness - dyspareunia
- in 20% of pt<sup>n</sup> → extragenital cut. lesions occur
- may occur in: prepubertal children (confused & sexual abuse) lesion improved by: Menarche, in contrast to lesion in adult → which progress.

\* LSA is not intrinsically precancerous, But considered chronic Scar → continuously exposed to humid milieu (Carcinogenesis)



## ① LSA of glans penis + prepuce

[Balanitis Xerotica Obliterans BXO]

• Ivory-white atrophic Macules on glans penis

• The ptn complain of: - Itchy - Soreness priapism - Phimosis

• if the prepuce is involved in uncircumcised ptn → SCC may develop.

• ptn e genital lesion should be seen every 6-12 ms → for early detection of SCC

## • Histopathology:

### ① in Cutaneous LSA:

1. Hyperkeratosis with follicular plugging
2. Atrophy of st. malpighii with Hydropic degeneration of Basal cells
- 3 - Marked edema and Homogenization of collagen in upper dermis
- 4 - inflammatory infiltrate in mid-dermis
  - ↳ lymphoid cells intermingled with some histocytes
  - ↳ older lesion → infiltrate is absent

## ② in genital LSA:

- No follicular plugging & absence of follicles

Histopathological features of morphea & LSA

	Morphea	LSA
Epidermis	Normal	Atrophy of stratum malpighii
Follicular plugging	-	+
Hydropic degeneration of basal cells	-	+
Dermis	Homogenized	Marked edema
Subepidermal bullae	Infrequent	+
Elastic fibers	Present	Absent
Inflammation	+	-
Fibrosis	+	-

## • Pathogenesis:

① It's an inflammatory condition caused by: incompletely defined Response to variety of mechanical and antigenic stimuli

② These stimuli include: Trauma, Hormones, Spirochetal infection (Borrelia burgdorferi), autoimmune diseases

②



③ LSA and Scleroderma → Represent:  
expression of the same antigenic insult  
with LSA → expressed in the papillary  
dermis  
Scleroderma → in Reticular dermis  
and deeper

④ Genetic predisposition:  
associated w/ MHC class II antigen  
HLA-DQ7.

⑤ Autoimmunity:  
autoantibodies against extracellular matrix  
Protein (ECM-1)

⑥ Oxidative Stress:  
lesion skin show: lipid peroxidation of  
epidermal Basal cell layers.  
Oxidative DNA damage  
Oxidative protein damage.

## • Treatment:

### A Topical

1- Steroid → topical or intralesional

3

## 2- Topical Calcineurin inhibitors →

Pimecrolimus (1% cream) Tacrolimus (0.1% ointment)

3- Vitamin A analogues 4- Vit D analogues

5- testosterone Topical or progesterone  
Preparation → frequently used for ttt of genital  
lichen sclerosis

### B Systemic :-

- 1- Acitretin → help adult & Juvenile cases
- 2- Para-aminobenzoate → 12g daily
- 3- Anti-malarials → Hydroxychloroquine 250mg
- 4- Vitamin A + vit. D analogues

### C Phototherapy :- effective

UVA-1 , PUVA  $\begin{cases} \text{oral} \\ \text{Bath} \\ \text{cream} \end{cases}$  , photodynamic therapy

### D Surgery :-

- 1- Circumcision in LSA of glans penis
- 2- Carbon Dioxide laser → for genital lesion in  
Both male - female
- 3- Vulvectomy → in SCC.



# • Geriatric dermatology: •

## • D.f: •

Skin Diseases that are more common in the geriatric population  
 > 65 yr - Then in general population

### Skin disorders common in the elderly

Eczemas	Infections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asteatotic eczema (xerosis).</li> <li>• Seborrheic dermatitis.</li> <li>• Contact dermatitis.</li> <li>• Stasis dermatitis (Fig. 9).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herpes zoster.</li> <li>• Candidiasis.</li> <li>• Onychomycosis.</li> <li>• Scabies.</li> </ul>
Ulcers	Immunobullous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leg ulcers (Fig. 10).</li> <li>• Pressure ulcers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullous pemphigoid (Fig. 11).</li> </ul>
Photodamage	Pre-malignant tumors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photoaging.</li> <li>• Solar elastosis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actinic keratosis (Fig. 12).</li> <li>• Bowen's disease (Fig. 13).</li> </ul>
Benign tumors	Malignant tumors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seborrheic keratosis (Fig. 14).</li> <li>• Skin tags.</li> <li>• Cherry angioma.</li> <li>• Sebaceous hyperplasia (Fig. 15).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCC (Fig. 16).</li> <li>• Lentigo malignant melanoma.</li> <li>• SCC (Fig. 17).</li> <li>• CTCL (Fig. 18).</li> </ul>
Others	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senile purpura.</li> <li>• Senile pruritus.</li> <li>• Rosacea.</li> </ul>	

## • Aging - photoaging •

### [A] Intrinsic Aging:

- changes occurring in all individuals D.t normal maturity and senescence
- The underlying mechanism:- genetic - growth - Hormonal - mechanical factors
- Free Radicals: have a role By:
  - ↳ Direct Damaging effect on dermal fibers
  - ↳ or through induce alterations in the fibroblast functions
- Role of antioxidants: vit C, E in preventing intrinsic ageing

### [B] Extrinsic Aging:

- external agents: Chronic Sun Exposure (most important) (Dermatoheliosis)
- UVRs → induce tissue Damage
- By direct effect, generation of free Radical production of inflammatory cells



## Cutaneous features of intrinsic & extrinsic aging

	Intrinsic aging "Sun-protected, innately aged skin"	Extrinsic aging "Actinically damaged skin"
<b>Clinical features</b>		
	Thin, smooth & lax skin.	Thick, rough, pale-yellowish skin (elastosis).
	Fine wrinkles.	Coarse wrinkles & furrowing.
	Graying of the hair.	Telangiectasia, Irregularly pigmented, solar lentigo (liver spots), freckles, senile purpura, comedones, venous lakes, xerosis.
	Benign neoplasms.	Benign, premalignant & malignant neoplasms.
<b>Histologic features</b>		
<b>Epidermis</b>	Slight decrease in thickness.	Alternating atrophy & hypertrophy.
	Decreased corneocyte adhesion.	Thickened stratum corneum.
	Flattened rete ridges.	Thin granular layer.
	Reduplication lamina densa & anchoring fibril.	Marked dysplasia.
	Decreased no of melanocytes.	Increased no. & irregularly dispersed melanocytes.
	Decreased number of LCs.	Marked decrease in LCs number.
<b>Dermis</b>	Decreased thickness "atrophy".	Thickened.
	Decreased no. of elastic fibers.	Elastic fibers increase in no. & thickness. Tangled, densely matted & basophilic yellowish color of skin "dermal elastosis".
	Decreased no. of collagen fibers.	Marked decrease in collagen fibers.
	Decreased ground substance, with more heparin sulfate & less proteoglycans.	Ground substance: more glycosaminoglycans.
	Decreased vascularity.	
	Decreased fibroblasts.	
	Decreased mast cells.	
<b>Subcutaneous tissue</b>	Decreased especially face, hands & feet.	Non-specific changes.
<b>Appendages</b>	Decreased no. of eccrine glands.	
	Sebaceous gland hyperplasia.	
	Decreased no. of hair follicles.	

## Age-associated skin changes & their possible explanations

Skin changes	Explanations
Poor wound healing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer basal "proliferative" keratinocytes.</li> <li>• ↓ Epidermal turn-over time.</li> </ul>
↓ Thermoregulation "↑ risk of heat stroke".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ Number of eccrine glands.</li> <li>• ↓ Vascularity.</li> </ul>
Easy blistering of skin & tendency to pressure necrosis over bony prominences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flattened DEJ.</li> <li>• ↓ Subcutaneous fat.</li> </ul>
Increased risk of pressure, heat or chemical injuries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ Sensory end organs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ Incidence &amp; intensity of delayed hypersensitivity reactions, e.g. patch tests.</li> <li>• ↑ Risk of skin cancers.</li> <li>• ↑ Risk of infections.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ Cutaneous immune response.</li> <li>• ↓ Number of T-cells.</li> <li>• ↓ Number of LCs.</li> </ul>
Easy bruiscability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atrophy of dermal ground substance, changes in collagen &amp; elastic fibers.</li> </ul>
Xerosis "rough skin with fine white scales" → pruritus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alterations in dermal vasculature</li> </ul>
<b>Treatment:</b> ↑ Humidity by a humidifier, mild soap (Dove®, Oil of Olay®, Cialium®) & emollient application after bathing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal maturation &amp; adhesion of keratinocytes.</li> <li>• ↓ Barrier function → ↓ water content.</li> <li>• ↓ Epidermal hyaluronic acid which is hygroscopic.</li> <li>• ↓ Eccrine functions.</li> <li>• ↓ Sebaceous lipids.</li> </ul>
Contact dermatitis: More prolonged & persistent contact dermatitis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↓ Dermal clearance of allergens &amp; irritants.</li> <li>• "Muffled" inflammatory response.</li> </ul>







# • Atrophy of the Skin •

• D.F: Atrophy of the skin occur in many dermatoses

Produced By ↓↓ in the dermal connective tissue.

(Collagen and elastic fibers)

- The skin is smooth & thin with loss of elasticity.

- Atrophy that includes:

S.C tissue or deeper structures referred to "PanatrophY"

## • Anetoderma "Macular atrophy"

→ ch. ch By: Discrete atrophic patches the skin of which appear: Loose Thin, wrinkled, bulges slightly.

→ Types:

I Primary: - arises on normal skin

① Jadassohn - pellizzari type:

7

→ preceded by: inflammatory lesions

② Schweninger - Buzzi Type: Not preceded By Inflammatory lesion.

## II Secondary:-

- Relapses lesions of another disorders

- e.g:- Syphilis, LE, Leprosy, AV, TB, Urticaria pigmentosa

Acrodermatitis Chronica atrophicans

## III Familial anetoderma

## • Causes of Cutaneous A Trophy:

### ① Congenital:-

- Aplastic Cutis
- Progeria
- Congenital poikiloderma
- Focal dermal Hypoplasia

### ② Acquired:-

- Generalized: Aging - Rheumatoid disease - Steroid induced
- Poikiloderma: → striae distensae → Anetoderma
- Acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans → Atrophoderma
- Atrophic Nevi → Panatrophy



## ★ Primary anetoderma :-

- rare disorder • Female 20-40 yr
- Crops :- of oval Erythematous Macules
- site : Trunk, thighs, upper arms
- Gradually : each lesion Fades → forming greyish white macules of wrinkled atrophic skin → yield on pressure • Can pushed inward easily by a finger.
- The number of lesions Varies : from 10 to > 200.

## • Histopathology :-

1- At early stage :

- edema • perivascular - periappendageal lymphocytic infiltrate (T-helper)

2- later :

The edema and infiltrate → subside & persistence of fine, irregular or twisted elastic fibers.

Collagen is usually normal.

## • Pathogenesis :

- Focal elastolysis → D.T → Release of elastase from inflammatory cells (present at early stage)
- infection or Complement activation
- OR Hormonal factors → play a role

• Treatment : Oral penicillin or antifibrinolytic drugs.

## • Follicular Atrophoderma •

• lesion : dimple-like depression at the follicular orifices

• present : at Birth or early life.

• site : on the Back of Hand and Feet.

- Occurs as : Isolated defect or associated e<sup>-</sup> :

### Bazex's

- follicular atrophoderma
- localized anhidrosis
- hypotrichosis
- multiple BCC.

### Conradi's Syndrome

- X-linked dominant disorder • Ichthyosiform erythroderma

- follicular atrophoderma
- Cataract

• patchy alopecia

• Calcific stippling of the epiphyses (Chondrodysplasia punctata)

### Palmo-plantar Keratoderma



## • Keratosis pilaris atrophicans faciei "Ulerythema ophryogenes"

- lesion: Erythematous follicular papules healed w/ follicular atrophodermas.
- it involves: the lateral third of eyebrows with some extension to the cheeks, periauricular skin and forehead.
- appear: at or shortly after Birth.

## • Vermiculate atrophoderma "Folliculitis Ulerythematosa reticulata"

- Reticulate or honey-comb type of atrophy that develop around horny follicular plugs on the cheeks

## • Atrophoderma of pasini, Pierini.

- lesions: Round, oval, slightly depressed - slate-grey patches. with sharp "Cliff-like" Border without induration
- Site: Commonly on the Trunk, mainly Back.

- more common: Females 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> decades
- The condition Represent: atrophic variant of **Morphea**.

- **Borrelia Burgdoferi** → may involved

### • Histopathology:

- Thickening of the collagen bundles with Chronic perivascular inflammatory infiltrate in early lesions

### • treatment:

- none is effective
- Antibiotic ttt (penicillin - oral tetracycline)
- Considered in early stages → with +ve Borrelia antibiotics

## • Local panatrophphy •

- D.F: atrophy of skin, S.C fat, underlying muscles.
- may be: variant of Morphea.
- 2 Types:

### ↓ panatrophphy of Growers

- not preceded by inflammation
- No Scleroderma
- affect Back, Buttocks

### ↓ Sclerotic panatrophphy

- preceded By: Sclerotic Changes



## • Facial Hemiatrophy "Romberg's Syndrome"

- D.F: gradual atrophy of skin, S.C tissue and muscle on one side of Face.
- Start out as → linear morphea
- later → become diffuse.

## • Mid-dermal elastolysis.

- Pathogenesis: - defect in elastic fibers

D.F: → Exposure to UV light  
→ Autoimmunity  
→ altered Balance Between matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinase TIMPs

### • Clinically:

- Asymptomatic, Large, Diffuse area of fine wrinkling → Following Cleavage Lines in the: Trunk, lateral neck, upper extremities
- Discrete perifollicular papules
- with the site of: the central hair follicle being indented.

## • Pathology:

- 1- Elastic tissue Stain → Verhoeff-van Gieson Weigert's stain  
→ Selective loss of elastic fibers in mid dermis
- 2- with preservation of elastic tissue around the hair follicles → explain the Perifollicular papules
- 3- EM: phagocytosis of elastic fiber tissue By Macrophages

- Treatment: No effective ttt.

## • Striae (S. distensae, S. atrophicans, Stretch marks)

- D.F: Breaks in the connective tissue → leads to Dermal atrophy

- Due to: - Hormones (Corticosteroids)  
- mechanical stress  
- genetic Predisposition

### • lesion:

- 1- initially: Red to violaceous elevated lines - mildly pruritic "Striae rubra"



## 2 - Over time:

The color gradually fades "Striae alba" and the lesion become  $\rightarrow$  atrophic  $\hat{=}$  skin surface  $\rightarrow$  fine wrinkled appearance.  
- atrophic striae alba  $\rightarrow$  Permanent may fade over time.

3- atrophic Striae  $\rightarrow$  may Elevated and "Worm-like"  $\rightarrow$  in the setting of Severe edema (lymphedema)

4- Striae  $\hat{=}$  Systemic Corticosteroids and Cushing's Syndrome  
Can be larger & more widely disturbed.

5- Flexural and intertriginous area  $\rightarrow$  Develop from the use of Corticosteroid

• in girls The most common sites:-

Thighs - hips - Buttocks - Breast

• in Boys: Shoulders - Thigh - lumbosacral

• Other less common sites:

abdomen, upper arms, Neck, axillae.  
pregnant During Last trimester. (II)

• DD: Linear Focal elastosis (elastotic striae)

- rows of yellow & palpable, striae-like Bands

- on the Lower Back

- Unlike striae  $\rightarrow$  the lesions are raised and yellow rather than depressed and white.

- Elderly men  $\rightarrow$

- Histologically  $\rightarrow$  focal  $\uparrow\uparrow$  in the number of elongated or fragmented elastic fibers as well as  $\rightarrow$  Thickened dermis.

- it's postulated that linear focal elastosis  $\rightarrow$  represent:- excessive regenerative process of elastic fibers

- viewed as:- Keloidal repair of striae distensae

• Treatment:-

1- Stretch marks tend to improve spontaneously over time

2- early stage Striae  $\hat{=}$  tretinoin 0.1% cream

3- Other topical ~~th~~:

0.05% tretinoin    20% glycolic acid    20% glycolic acid  
10% L-ascorbic acid

4- laser therapy:-

585 nm pulsed dye laser  $\rightarrow$  For striae rubra.  
improvement in the leukoderma of st. alba noted with 308 nm excimer laser



## 5- Carboxy therapy:

- to stimulate the production of local collagen
- $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$  has direct effect on fibroblasts which produce the collagen.

Disease	Clinical findings	Pathology	Associations
Anetoderma	Focal dermal defect: Localized areas of atrophic skin with laxity or herniated appearance over trunk, thighs & arms, $\pm$ overlying skin depressed or macular.	Normal epidermis, $\downarrow$ or absent elastic tissue in dermis with special stain (may appear normal on Hx & E), $\pm$ perivascular lymphocytes.	May be primary (idiopathic) or secondary (infection, inflammatory cutaneous disorder or tumor).
Atrophoderma of Pasini & Pierini	Single or multiple well-demarcated oval hyperpigmented patches with slight depression on back (most common) in young adults & adolescents.  If linear following Blaschko's lines $\rightarrow$ atrophoderma of Moulin.	Minimal change including flattening of rete ridges, basal layer with $\uparrow$ melanin, $\downarrow$ dermal thickness, $\pm$ perivascular infiltrate.	Unclear if atypical atrophic form of morphea or separate entity; may be related to <i>B. burgdorferi</i> .
Mid-dermal elastolysis	Areas with diffuse fine wrinkling over trunk, upper arms &/or neck, $\pm$ preceding erythema.	Normal epidermis, selective loss of elastic fibers in mid dermis.	None.
Follicular atrophoderma	Dimple-like depression in follicular orifices consistent with ice-pick depressions on dorsal hands/feet or cheeks.	Dilated pore $\pm$ with underlying atrophy, often $\downarrow$ elastic fibers.  If limited to cheeks $\rightarrow$ atrophoderma vermiculatum (Rombo syndrome, Nicolau-Balus syndrome).	Bazex syndrome Conradi-Hünermann-Happle syndrome.
Piezogenic pedal papules	Skin-colored papules in heels with pressure (due to herniation of fat), disappears when weight removed.	Fragmentation of dermal elastic tissue & herniation of fat into dermis.	Normal variant.

# • perforating Dermatoses •

- **D.F:** groups of disorders in which altered components of skin are eliminated via the epidermis  
By transepidermal elimination

## • Transepidermal elimination TEE

• it's the extrusion of foreign or altered dermal components through the epidermis to the exterior with little or no disruption of the surrounding structure.

• The extruded materials may be :-  
Inflammatory cells, microorganisms, mucin or altered connective tissue components

## "Acquired Reactive perforating Dermatoses"

ARPD :- suggested for these 4 primary perforating disorders when occurring in diabetes or in the chronic renal failure → undergoing Hemodialysis.

Disorders of transepidermal elimination "Perforating dermatoses"	
Disorder	The eliminated material
<b>Primary perforating disorders:</b>	
Kyrle's disease	
Reactive perforating collagenosis	Collagen
Elastosis perforans serpiginosa	Elastic tissue
Perforating folliculitis	Necrotic material
<b>Secondary perforating disorders:</b>	
Granuloma annulare	Granulomatous process
Necrobiosis lipoidica diabetorum	
Rheumatoid nodules	
Sarcoid	
Lichen nitidus	
Infectious granulomas, e.g. chromomycosis, TB, leprosy	

Pseudoxanthoma elasticum	Altered elastic tissue
Solar elastosis	
Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica heliis	
Porokeratosis of Mibelli	Altered collagen
Intralesional steroid	Calcified material
Calcinosis cutis	
Osteoma cutis	Mucinous material
Myxoid cyst	
Alopecia mucinosa	
Papular mucinosis	Amyloid
Cutaneous amyloidosis	



## Perforating epidermal disorders with transepidermal elimination

Disorder	Clinical	Eliminated material	Treatment		
① Kyrle's disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two forms: Idiopathic form &amp; older diabetics with renal insufficiency.</li> <li>Follicular &amp; extrafollicular keratotic papules which may coalesce.</li> <li>Can be generalized.</li> </ul>	Granulomatous & basophilic debris including some degenerated collagen.	Topical & systemic retinoids.	Avoidance of trauma, topical retinoids, PUVA.	
② Perforating folliculitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adults in second to forth decade &amp; older diabetics on dialysis.</li> <li>Multiple, widespread, follicular erythematous umbilicated keratotic papules.</li> <li>Do not coalesce.</li> <li>Köebnerization occurs.</li> </ul>	Basophilic debris, degenerated collagen, eosinophilic elastic fibers, coiled-up hair in dilated follicle.	Topical retinoids.	Necrobiotic basophilic collagen bundles through epidermal perforation.	Calcified elastic tissue.
③ Elastosis perforans serpiginosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autosomal recessive pattern.</li> <li>&lt;30 yrs old.</li> <li>Annular serpiginous lesions.</li> <li>Idiopathic.</li> <li>Reactive associated with heritable connective tissue disorders.</li> <li>Penicillamine-induced.</li> </ul>	Basophilic debris and elastic fibers into narrow epidermal channels.	Liquid nitrogen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inherited form in infancy &amp; acquired in diabetes mellitus &amp; renal insufficiency.</li> <li>In trauma-prone areas köebnerization, pruritis in acquired type.</li> <li>Umbilical keratotic papules.</li> <li>Very rare, more common in adult black women.</li> <li>Keratotic papules involving the abdomen (periumbilical).</li> <li>Associations: Multiparity, obesity and hypertension.</li> </ul>	
				Reactive perforating collagenosis	Perforating calcific elastosis
				④	⑤



# ★ Kyrle's disease ★ <sup>Follicularis et parafollicularis</sup>

• D.F: rare disorder ch. ch By: <sup>Follicular</sup> <sup>extrafollicular</sup>  
Red-Brown papules  
Containing: Central Keratotic plug

• They may enlarge to form :- nodules  
 or Coalesce → to form :- verrucous plaques

• The limbs → most commonly affected

• may occur in ptne → DM  
 → chronic Renal F  
 undergoing hemodialysis

• Histopathology + pathogenesis :-

- Parakeratotic column in an epidermal invagination Results when:

The Rapid rate of differentiation and Keratinization → exceeds the Rate of proliferation

- The 1ry defect is :- focal vacuolated dyskeratotic cells

"Rapidly proliferating cells in Epidermis"

• when the keratotic plug → penetrates into Dermis → inflammatory cells  
 → Foreign Body cells } with Collagen degeneration  
 occurs at this site.

- The eliminated materials :- granulation tissue  
 which move upwards through Epidermal invagination  
Treatment:

Keratolytics - Cryotherapy - topical, systemic Retinoids

# ★ Hyperkeratosis Lenticularis perstans "Flegel's disease"

- There is Asymptomatic flat Hyperkeratotic Papules (smaller than Kyrle's disease)

- Located mainly :- on the dorsa of the feet and Lower Legs



## ★ perforating Folliculitis ★

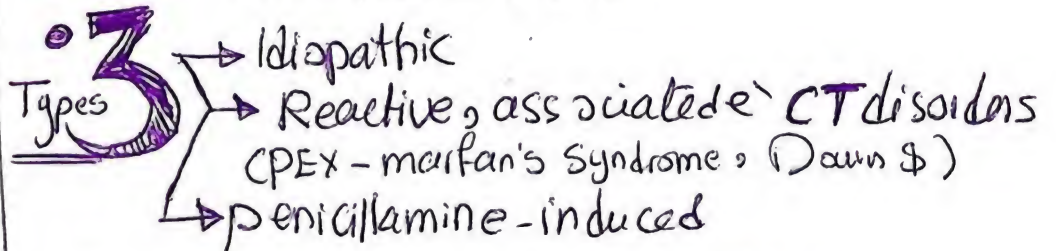
- ch.ch By: discrete Erythematous follicular papules → with central Keratinous plug.
- mainly on: the Extremities and Buttocks
- The lesion don't coalesce -
- its described e: ↑ frequency in uremic diabetic ptns who Receiving Hemodialysis

### • Histopathology:

- Dilated follicle contains the eliminated material:
  - Basophilic debris
  - eosinophilic elastic fibers
  - ortho, para keratotic material
  - inflammatory cells
- perforation are seen in the follicular infundibulum epithelium
- The initiation by the Curled-up Hair → Follicular hyperkeratosis and Retention of the Hair shaft in the follicle → Break Down of Follicular wall
- Trt: Topical **Retinoin**

## ★ elastosis perforans ★ Eps Serpiginosa

- D.F: Rare disorder ch.ch by: Small-Keratic papules grouped in an annular or Serpiginous pattern e an → atrophic, slight Hypopigmented Center
- mainly affect: The nape, side of Neck. Arm-Face-Trunk.



### • Associations: **MADD PORES.**

**M**arfan's **A**crogeria **D**own Syndrome

**D**-penicillamine **P**seudo xanthoma elasticum

**O**steogenesis imperfecta **R**othmund-Thomson

**E**hlers Danlos **S**cleroderma

### • Histopathology:

- 1- narrow. transepidermal conal that contain: necrotic material



- and Brightly eosinophilic - degenerated elastic fibers

- By elastic Stain:

The dermis Contains an  $\uparrow$  in the amount and thickness of elastic fibers  
"Pathognomic"

- The primary defect is: the abnormal elastic fibers  $\rightarrow$  which act as a mechanical irritant to stimulate  $\rightarrow$  epidermal Hyperplasia and  $\rightarrow$  canal formation with the extrusion of abnormal elastic fibers

• Treatment:

Liquid Nitrogen Freezing

## ★ Reactive perforating Collagenosis ★

• The lesion: small papules, gradually  $\uparrow$  in size  $\rightarrow$  Become Umbilicated & a keratinous plug.

• They involute in: 6-10 weeks  $\rightarrow$

leaving  $\rightarrow$  Hypopigmented area or Slight Scar.  
- New lesions  $\rightarrow$  Continue to appear.

• Site: mostly in Trauma-prone areas e.g:  
 $\rightarrow$  dorsal aspect of Hands  
 $\rightarrow$  elbows - knees following superficial Trauma.

• Kobenerization is Common.

2 types:  
 $\rightarrow$  1- inherited - autosomal Recessive occurring in Infancy  
 $\rightarrow$  2- Acquired & DM, renal insufficiency

• Histopathology :-

Basophilic bundles of Collagen  $\rightarrow$  extending in vertical direction  $\rightarrow$  extruded from the dermis Through  $\rightarrow$  Several areas of epidermal perforation

• Treatment :-

- Avoid Trauma
- Topical Retinoids
- PUVA



## Treatment of perforating diseases

Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retinoids (e.g. tretinoin, tazarotene).</li> <li>• Corticosteroids.</li> <li>• Menthol.</li> <li>• Salicylic acid.</li> <li>• Sulfur.</li> <li>• Benzoyl peroxide.</li> <li>• Emollients.</li> <li>• Imiquimod.</li> </ul>
Systemic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antihistamines (e.g. doxepin).</li> <li>• Corticosteroids (intralesional, intramuscular, oral).</li> <li>• Retinoids (vitamin A, acitretin, isotretinoin).</li> <li>• Antibiotics (e.g. doxycycline, clindamycin, erythromycin, tetracycline, rifampicin).</li> <li>• Methotrexate.</li> <li>• Charcoal.</li> <li>• Allopurinol.</li> </ul>
Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid trauma &amp; scratching (wearing gloves, trimming of fingernails, behavior modification trans-cutaneous nerve stimulator).</li> <li>• Cellophane-tape stripping (for EPS).</li> <li>• Phototherapy (broadband or narrowband UVB, PUVA).</li> <li>• Cryotherapy.</li> <li>• Electrosurgical destruction.</li> <li>• Laser ablation (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, Er:YAG, pulsed dye).</li> <li>• Excision of larger bothersome lesions.</li> <li>• Renal transplantation, if kidney failure.</li> </ul>

## \* Colloid Milium \*

• DP: Degenerative change chch :-  
Small - yellowish translucent papules  
site: Sun exposed area.

3 types: ① Juvenile: Before puberty  
mainly on face.  
② Adult: start in adult life  
affecting dorsa of the hands + face, neck

PF → Sun exposure

③ Nodular colloid degeneration:  
Single or multiple Large nodules Not  
related to sun exposure

### • Histopathology:

eosinophilic - homogenous material in the  
superficial dermis → containing clefts  
with fibroblasts along the lines of cleavage.

- in adult type:

Grenz Type Zone → Separate the  
epidermis from colloid masses

### • pathogenesis:

- Juvenile Type colloid → of epidermal origin  
- other 2 types → dermal origins

• Treatment: Dermabrasion - Cryotherapy



# FLushing

• D.F: transient Reddening of the face  
 frequently → other areas neck  
ears  
upper chest

## • Causes:

### Widespread

#### ① physiological

- emotions: anger, guilt
- Menopausal

#### ② Drugs:

- Amyl nitrite
- Bromocriptine
- dipyridamole
- Histamine
- L-dopa

#### ③ pathological:

- Carcinoid Tumor: intestinal - Bronchial
- Pheochromocytoma

#### ④ Zollinger-Ellison's

#### ⑤ Hereditary Angioedema

### Localized

#### ① physiological:

Triple Response Reflex

#### ② pathological:

- Urticaria
- Facial:
  - Rosacea
  - Auriculotemporal &
  - sphenopalatine &
  - Ciliary neuralgia
- Acral:
  - Erythromelalgia
  - post-Raynaud's attacks

## • pathogenesis:-

- ↑↑ Cutaneous Blood flow → acute Relaxation of Vascular Smooth muscles

- This occurs via:

### Autonomic nervous system

- e' eccrine Sweating
- D.t direct effect on both sweat glands and Blood vessels
- (Wet Flush)

### Endogenous Vasoactive agents

- Histamine
- Serotonin
- or Exogenous agents
- Not associated e' ↑ sweating (Dry Flush)

## • Treatment:

- ① Non-Selective B-Blockers: effective in idiopathic flushing Nadolol  
propranolol  
Clonidine

- ② Anxiolytics: helpful in emotional symptoms or anxiety

- ③ in resistant troublesome cases:-  
 Transthoracic endoscopic sympathectomy



# Types of flushing

	Menopausal	Alcohol-induced	Carcinoid	Pheochromocytoma	Histamine induced
<b>Pathogenesis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estrogen lack.</li> <li>• Menopause.</li> <li>• Oophorectomy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct effect of alcohol.</li> <li>• Vasodilation from acetaldehyde (in alcohol dehydrogenase deficiency).</li> <li>• Vasoactive substances, e.g. tyramine.</li> <li>• Chlorpropamide.</li> <li>• Antabuse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kinins.</li> <li>• Tumor of foregut, hindgut, lung, ovary, pancreas.</li> </ul>	Catecholamine production by tumor of adrenal medulla, accessory adrenal tissue, glomus jugulare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Histaminemia.</li> <li>• Urticaria pigmentosa.</li> <li>• Systemic mast cell disease.</li> <li>• Wine (histamine content).</li> </ul>
<b>Provocative factors</b>	Spontaneous	Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol</li> <li>• Over-breathing.</li> <li>• Nor-adrenaline.</li> </ul>	Spontaneous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certain wines.</li> <li>• Codeine.</li> </ul>
<b>Distribution</b>	Head, neck, chest	Head, neck, chest	Face, neck, trunk, arms, legs.	Face, neck, chest, trunk.	Face, neck, chest, limbs.
<b>Duration</b>	5-15 mins.	15-30 mins.	15 mins to 4 hrs.	15 mins to 4 hrs.	15 mins to 2 hrs.
<b>Associated features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyperhidrosis.</li> <li>• Tremulous.</li> <li>• Depression.</li> </ul>	Urticaria, pruritus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diarrhea, abdominal pain.</li> <li>• Asthma.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyperhidrosis.</li> <li>• Piloerection.</li> <li>• Hypertension.</li> </ul>	Headache.
<b>Investigations</b>					
<b>Urine</b>	Pituitary gonadotropin ↑.		5-Hydroxy-indoleacetic acid (5-HIAA).	Vanillylmandelic acid (VMA).	Histamine +.
<b>Treatment</b>	Estrogens (hormone replacement therapy).	Avoidance of chemicals or drug exposure.	Surgical	Surgical	Anti-histamines.
clonidine or (SSRIs).					



### DD of red face (Figs 29-33)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flushing disorders.</li><li>• Rosacea.</li><li>• Dermatitis:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Atopic.</li><li>◦ Contact/photocontact.</li><li>◦ Seborrheic.</li></ul></li><li>• CT diseases:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ LE.</li><li>◦ Dermatomyositis.</li></ul></li><li>• Photogenodermatoses:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Xeroderma pigmentosum.</li><li>◦ Cockayne syndrome.</li><li>◦ Bloom's syndrome.</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photometabolic:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Porphyría (erythropoietic – Gunther).</li><li>◦ Hartnup disease.</li></ul></li><li>• Erysipelas.</li><li>• Physical erythemas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ High temperature (burns).</li><li>◦ Low temperature (frost-bite).</li><li>◦ UVR.</li></ul></li><li>• Chronic actinic dermatitis.</li><li>• Cutaneous lymphomas.</li></ul> |
|--|--|

### Clinical approach to the evaluation of flushing

#### Identify provocative factors:

- Direct questioning.
- Patient diary (food, medications, activities).

#### Check for associated symptoms:

- Sweating.
- Urticaria.
- Diarrhea.
- Bronchospasm.

#### Investigation (not required in all cases):

##### **Indicated if flushing:**

- Of sudden or recent onset.
- Severe.
- Associated with systemic symptoms.

##### **Investigations to consider:**

- Complete blood count with differential & platelets.
- Thyroid function tests.
- Serum tryptase, histamine &/or chromogranin A levels; plasma free metanephrines.
- 24-hour urine collection for:
  - Serotonin metabolites such as 5-hydroxyindole acetic acid (5-HIAA).
  - Fractionated metanephrines.
  - Histamine metabolites such as methylimidazole acetic acid (MIAA).
- CT/MRI scans, somatostatin receptor scintigraphy (using radiolabeled analogue of somatostatin).

#### Elimination:

- Exclude suspected drugs & food additives.



# • Histiocytoses •

• Dif: Heterogenous groups of diseases  
ch.ch By: accumulation of reactive  
or neoplastic histocytes in tissue.

- The clinical picture is dif &-  
The functional activity of these cells and  
their abnormal Regulation

## • Class I: Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis

→ Disease of unknown Cause  
→ ch.ch. By: proliferation of Langerhans histocytes  
→ Includes: 4 clinical forms:-

### 1] Acute disseminated LCH Letterer-Siwe :-

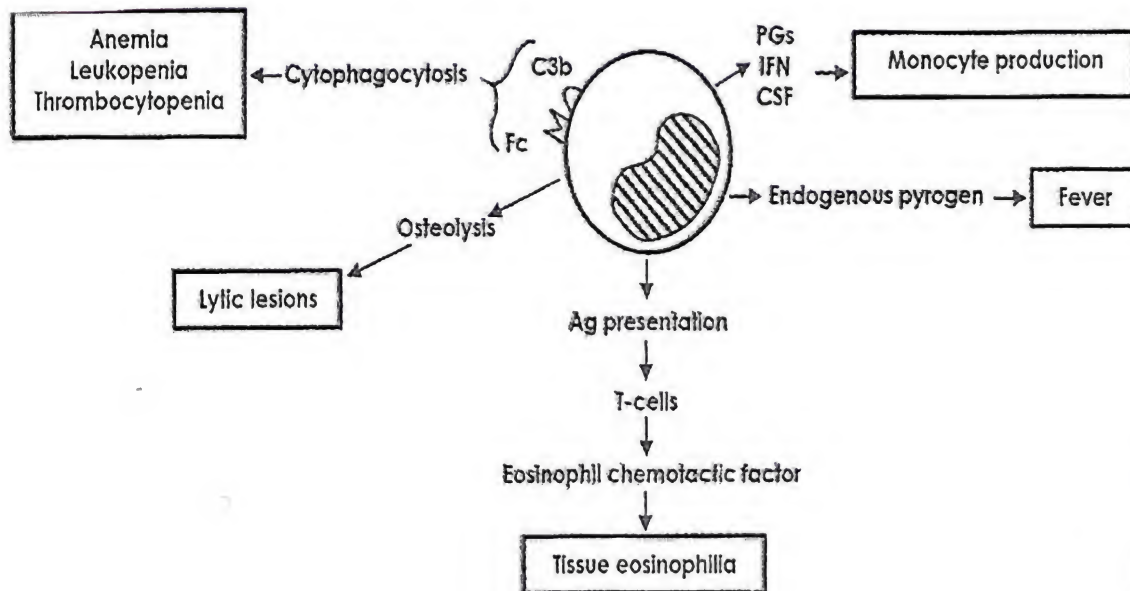
- Occur during the first year of life  
with fatal visceral involvement

#### Systemic signs

- fever
- anemia
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- lymphadenopathy
- pulmonary infiltrate
- Osteolytic lesions

#### Cutaneous lesion

- 80% 1st sign
- closely set Brown  
scaly papules :-  
Resembling → Seb. dermatitis  
→ Darier Dis
- petechiae - purpura
- site: Scalp - flexural  
areas - Trunk





## [2] Chronic multifocal LCH:

[Hand-Schuller-Christian-Disease]

- occur during: Early Childhood (2-6 yr)
- with predominantly osseous lesion
- less extensive visceral affection.

- Triad:
  - diabetes insipidus
  - Exophthalmos (b.i.)
  - multiple Bone defect (skull)

- May occur:
  - Hepatosplenomegaly
  - pulmonary infiltrate
  - lymphadenopathy

### - Cutaneous lesions 30%.

- Ulcerated plaques — axillae, mouth, genitalia
- Seborrheic-like dermatitis
- rarely → papular xanthomas
- infantile Crusted purpuric papules

seborrheic like eruption in scalp  
↓  
grain

should raise the suspicion of

**LCH**

## [3] Benign Localized (eosinophilic granuloma of Bone)

- most common and least severe forms of LCH
- Occur in: Elderly Children + Adults
- Solitary or few lesions of Bones
- rarely Cutaneous lesions occur

## [4] Congenital Self-healing reticulohistiocytosis:

[Hashimoto-Pritzker disease] HPR

- Benign - self-healing variant - Present at Birth.
- multiple, disseminated firm, reddish-brown nodules → heals later on → leaving whitish atrophic scars.

- Absence of mucous membrane lesions and systemic signs → Key features

### - Histopathology:-

- All Types of typical "LCH Cell" → easily identified



→ large with irregular - vesiculated - kidney shape nucleus

→ Abundant cytoplasm

### \* in Letter-Siwe:-

There is proliferative reactions with an infiltrate formed of LCH cells in upper dermis → invades the epidermis



### ★ In Hand - Schuller-Christian disease

- There is Xanthomatous Reaction i.e. groups of foam cells in the upper dermis
- Intermingled with LCH cells and eosinophils
- Multi-nucleated giant cells → frequently present mainly of the foreign-body type. But occasionally have the appearance of Touton giant cells

### ★ In eosinophilic granuloma

- There is granulomatous reaction with extensive aggregates of LCH and clusters of eosinophils and giant cells

### ★ In Hashimoto Pritzker disease

- The LCH cells are intermingled with large multinucleated giant cells in mid or deep dermis

### = Histiogenesis

- EM studies: 50% of LCH cells contain Birbeck's granules of LCs

(24)

### • LCH cells

- +ve immunostaining for CD1a, Langerin (CD207, S100)
- ATPase → peanut lectin,  $\alpha$ -mannosidase → +ve in LCH cells.
- Staining for these is less ~~effective~~ performed as CD1a staining → more specific.
- Don't express Factor XIIIa (marker of Type I dendrocytes) or classic macrophage / monocyte markers:-
  - ↳ CD68
  - ↳ HAM56
- Markers capable of distinguishing LCH cells from LCs of normal skin:
  - peanut agglutinin (PNA)
  - IFN- $\alpha$  Receptors
  - Placental alkaline phosphatase (PLAP)
- Human Herpes virus (HHV) type 6 → may play a role in the pathogenesis of LCH
- Langerin → Highly specific Langerhan's cell marker because it's the major protein of Birbeck granules
- Definite Diagnosis Require:-
  - +ve CD1a stain or electron microscopic demonstration of Birbeck granules



## Treatment of Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Single-system disease			Multisystem disease
Children	Adults	Bone	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observation or topical nitrogen mustard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topical nitrogen mustard.</li> <li>• PUVA.</li> <li>• CO<sub>2</sub> laser.</li> <li>• Thalidomide.</li> <li>• Isotretinoin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgery.</li> <li>• Glucocorticoid injections.</li> <li>• Radiotherapy.</li> <li>• Monochemotherapy (in multiple bone lesions).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monochemotherapy with vinblastine or etoposide, preceded or not by glucocorticoid administration.</li> <li>• Non-responders may be treated with polychemotherapy.</li> </ul>

## Class II : Non-LC Histiocytosis

### JXG ① Juvenile Xanthogranuloma

- Most common form of Non-LC histiocytosis
- male → Childhood - Adult → equal sex

#### ★ Cutaneous lesions :-

- Clinically: Firm, rubbery, yellowish papules or nodules at Birth or early infancy.
- Site: mainly head-neck
- Involute → spontaneously within 3-6 yrs

#### • 2 clinical variants:

- ↳ numerous small papular form
- ↳ large nodular form


25

- Involvement of: Oral MM may occur → Ulceration, Bleeding mainly on → lateral aspect of tongue + midline of Hard palate

#### • Unusual presentation:

- ↳ Unusual clinical lesions → Hyperkeratotic, pedunculated lesions
- ↳ Unusual sites → Penis - toe - nail - lip - Scrotum
- ↳ Unusual size → multiple giant form

#### ★ Extracutaneous manifestations

-  Iris → Hge in anterior chamber  
↳ Uncontrolled Glaucoma
- other sites :- Lung • hepatomegaly • testicular swelling • pericardial effusion
- all may go: Spontaneous Remission

#### ★ Association

- ↳ Cafe-au lait spots
- ↳ Neurofibromatosis NF
- ↳ Childhood leukemia
- ↳ Triple: JXG + NF1 + JCML



## ★ Histopathology:

- Dense well demarcated Histiocytic infiltrate within papillary dermis
- Cellular infiltrate → histocytes e- vacuolated cytoplasm
  - Touton giant cells (e- complete circle of nuclei around Homogenous eosinophilic cytoplasm)
- Foamy cytoplasm → seen outside the circle of nuclei
  - lymphocytes
  - eosinophils - Neutrophils

## ★ Ultrastructure:

- Histocytes e- an irregular nucleus
  - Rich in → pseudopods
  - lysosomal structure
  - dense bodies
- Clusters of comma-shaped bodies can be observed
- But → Birbeck granules Absent

## ★ Immunohistochemistry :-

- Proliferating histocytes → -ve for CD1a and Langerin CD207
  - +ve for HAM56 CD68, Factor XIIIa

## ★ Treatment:

- 1- No treatment → self-limiting lesion
- 2- Excision for diagnostic or cosmetic reasons
- 3- Early tx of Uveal lesions e.g :- Steroids
- 4- Systemic lesions → Chemotherapy
  - only if interfering e- vital function → Steroid > Cyclosporine

## ★ Approach to the JXG

- Solitary lesion → easily diagnosed clinically
- Multiple lesions → require skin biopsies
- General, Systemic examination → to detect extra cutaneous involvement
- Ophthalmological follow up → every 6 months for those e- ocular lesion



## ② Popular Xanthoma px

- lesion: → generalized → yellowish
- Asymptomatic papulonodular
- No tendency to merge into plaques
- No visceral affection
- Normal lipid profile
- Absent diabetes insipidus.

### • Histopathology:

- Composed entirely of:-
  - ↳ Foamy cells
  - ↳ Touton giant cells

## ③ Necrobiotic Xanthogranuloma

NXG

- ulcerated yellowish plaques
- mainly in: periorbital area
- associated c:-
  - ↳ paraproteinemia (90%)
  - ↳ Cryoglobulinemia 40%.

(26)

### • Histopathology:

- granulomatous infiltrate → involving the whole dermis and subcutis
- formed of
  - ↳ lymphocytes
  - ↳ Epithelioid cells
  - ↳ Foamy cells
  - ↳ Touton giant cells
- area of: clearly defined severe Necrobiosis.

## ④ Benign Cephalic Histiocytosis :-

- lesion: self healing - yellowish papules
- Localized in: Face of infants (14 month old)
- Histopathology:

well-circumscribed histiocytic infiltrate (clusters of comma shaped bodies by EM) → closely attached to Epidermis

## ⑤ Xanthoma Disseminatum :-

- Occur in: Adults
- lesion: orange or yellowish - Brown papules and nodules - widely disseminated
- mainly on: flexor surfaces
  - ↳ neck
  - ↳ axilla
  - ↳ groin
  - ↳ perianal
- The Mucous membrane → commonly affected 75%.
- yellowish nodules → in pharynx and larynx  
Hoarseness - Dyspnea.



• DM → in 50% of pts

• Histopathology :-

Early → large histocytes

Late → foam cells (xanthoma cells)

Numerous → Touton giant cells and inflammatory infiltrate

- may be a variant of →

Hand-Schüller-Christian disease.

• Treatment:-

- systemic steroid

- DI → Vasopression

## ⑥ Multicentric Reticulo-Histocytosis (MRH)

- Rare, histocytic, proliferative disease ch. ch By:

↳ ① polyarthritis: (60%)

affecting: Hands, preceds the lesion

↳ ② Skin lesions:-

Firm-Brown-yellow papules

affecting: extensor surfaces of

The Hands - Forearm - pruritis

25%.

↳ ③ mucosal involvement :- 50%. (mouth-lip-tongue)

↳ ④ Abnormalities of Serum lipids :- 30%.

↳ ⑤ associated internal malignancy 20%.

Gastric - Ovarian - Breast Carcinoma - myeloma.  
melanoma - lymphoma

- Histopathology:-

Infiltration By mono- and multi-nucleated giant cells with voluminous ground glass cytoplasm

- EM Study:-

Type IV collagen inclusions

- Immuno-cytochemically: histocytic phenotype  
(+ve for ATPase, lysosome, α-1 anti-trypsin)

- Treatment:-

systemic steroids alone or e Azathioprine.

## ⑦ Diffuse normolipemic plane Xanthoma

DPX

- lesion: Diffuse yellow patches in < peri-orbital area  
upper trunk.

- may arise in: association e

- Normal Serum lipid

- Histopathology: sheets of foam cells  
Touton giant cells

multiple myeloma  
erythroderma  
leukemia  
paraproteinemia

27



# ⑧ Histiocytoma

## [Progressive nodular histiocytoma]

- Chronic Brown - firm nodules
- Site: Lower extremities
- Persist for many years
- Conjunctival, Oral, laryngeal lesions may occur.

### - Histopathology:

#### Early:

- accumulation of xanthomatized and scalloped histiocytes & some infiltrating lymphocytes

- Cells +ve CD68 and Factor XIIIa

- ve → For S100 + CD1a.

## [Generalized eruptive Histiocytoma]

- Eruptive flesh-colored papules → Develop in crops → involute spontaneously

#### Older lesion

- Spindle shape Histiocytes
- arranged in storiform pattern
- occasional giant cells → present

### - Histopathology:

- Proliferation of monomorphic histiocytes cells in the upper and mid dermis
- No giant cells or foam cells are present
- Scattered lymphocytes → may present

## Class III: Histiocytosis

### ✱ Malignant Histiocytosis <sup>Histiocytic medullary Reticulosis</sup>

- Occur in children or Adults
- with prognosis within few months
- Rare → Histiocytic proliferative disorder
  - Acute onset
  - Fever, lymphadenopathy - pancytopenia
  - Hepatosplenomegaly - Jaundice purpura
- Cutaneous lesion:

- Specific 107.
  - more in children
  - Histopathology:
- papules - nodules - plaques  
↓  
ulceration

- middle-lower dermis → masses of normal and atypical Histiocytes (large Vesicular Nuclei & phagocytosed Erythrocytes)



+ nuclear debris and fragments of leucocytes in their cytoplasm)

- with focal areas of necrosis and acute inflammation

- DD:-

- Prominent erythrophagocytosis

Differentiate From Hodgkin's disease and Letterer-Siwe Disease

- treatment:

- Combined chemotherapy.

e.g.: Cyclophosphamide

Prednisolone - vincristine

Splenectomy

## Classification of the histiocytoses

**Class I (Langerhans cell histiocytosis "histiocytosis X"):**

- Letterer-Siwe disease.
- Hand-Schüller-Christian disease.
- Eosinophilic granuloma.
- Self-healing reticulohistiocytosis (Hashimoto-Pritzker disease).

**Class IIa (dermal dendrocyte histiocytosis):**

The predominant cell is the dermal dendrocyte (positive for CD68 & factor VIIIa) & the typical histological change is a xantho-granulomatous reaction.

- JXG.
- Benign cephalic histiocytosis.
- Erdheim-Chester disease.
- Generalized eruptive histiocytoma.
- Fat-storing hamartoma of dermal dendrocytes.
- Papular xanthoma.
- Progressive nodular histiocytosis.
- Xanthoma disseminatum.
- Diffuse plane xanthomatosis.

**Class IIb (non-Langerhans & non-dendrocytes histiocytosis):**

- Reticulohistiocytoma.
- Multicentric reticulohistiocytosis.
- Familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis.
- Familial sea-blue histiocytosis.
- Hereditary progressive mucinous histiocytosis.
- Malakoplakia.
- Necrobiotic xanthogranuloma.
- Sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy.
- Virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome.

**Class III: Malignant histiocytic disease.**

- Monocytic leukemia.
- Malignant histiocytosis (may be of the mononuclear phagocyte, Langerhans' cell or dendrocyte cell type)
- Histiocytic lymphoma (may also be of the mononuclear phagocyte, Langerhans' cell or dendritic cell type).



# Clinical features of the histiocytoses

HL

Histiocytosis	Usual age	Most common mucocutaneous sites	Other findings
<b>Langerhans cell histiocytoses</b>			
Letterer-Siwe disease	0-2 yrs	Scalp, flexural areas, trunk.	Visceral & bone lesions.
Hand-Schüller-Christian disease	2-6 yrs	Scalp, flexural areas, trunk, gingival.	Diabetes insipidus, bone lesions, exophthalmos.
Eosinophilic granuloma	7-12 yrs	Skin lesions rare.	Bone lesions primarily.
Congenital self-healing reticulohistiocytosis (Hashimoto-Pritzker disease)	Congenital	Widespread, localized or single lesion.	Spontaneous resolution, but children should be followed longitudinally.
<b>Non-Langerhans cell histiocytoses</b>			
<b>Primarily cutaneous, usually self-resolving</b>			
Juvenile xanthogranuloma	0-2 yrs	One to a few lesions >> numerous & widespread. Head and neck > upper trunk > extremities	Rare eye & visceral lesions; spontaneous resolution; association with CALM, NF-1 &/or juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia.
Benign cephalic histiocytosis	0-3 yrs	Face & neck > trunk & extremities.	Usually none (diabetes insipidus rare); spontaneous resolution.
Giant cell reticulohistiocytoma	Adults	Head (solitary lesion).	None; spontaneous resolution.
Generalized eruptive histiocytoma	<4 & 20-50 yrs	Widespread (axial)	Recurrent crops; spontaneous resolution.
Indeterminate cell histiocytosis	Any	Solitary or generalized. Trunk & extremities > head & neck, genitalia.	Uncommon visceral & bone lesions; possible association with B-cell lymphoma & leukemia.
<b>Primarily cutaneous, often persistent/progressive</b>			
Papular xanthoma	Any	Generalized (discrete yellow papules & papulonodules with relative sparing of flexural sites).	Mucous membrane involvement can occur occasionally.
Progressive nodular histiocytoma	Any	Generalized (discrete yellow papules & nodules, sometimes with prominent facial involvement).	May represent same entity as the progressive form of papular xanthoma; mucous membrane involvement can occur.
Hereditary progressive mucinous histiocytosis	Childhood / adolescence	Generalized (skin-colored to erythematous papules & nodules).	Usually occurs in female patients; histologically, abundant dermal mucin in addition to histiocytes.



### Clinical features of the histiocytoses (Cont'd)

Histiocytosis	Usual age	Most common mucocutaneous sites	Other findings
<b>Cutaneous, with frequent systemic involvement</b>			
Necrobiotic xanthogranuloma	17-60 yrs	Periorbital > other face, trunk, extremities.	Paraproteinemia due to plasma cell dyscrasia or lymphoproliferative disorder, hepatosplenomegaly.
Multicentric reticulohistiocytosis	30-50 yrs	Head, hands, elbows (over joints), mucosa (oral, nasopharyngeal).	Arthritis (often destructive), up to 30% with internal malignancy.
Rosai-Dorfman disease	10-30 yrs	Eyelids & malar area.	Massive lymphadenopathy in a subset of patients, fever, hypergammaglobulinemia, skin-limited form increasingly recognized.
Xanthoma disseminatum	Any	Flexural areas to widespread mucosa (oral, nasopharyngeal).	Diabetes insipidus.
<b>Systemic, with skin involvement rare to unusual</b>			
Erdheim-Chester disease	Any	Skin involvement ~25% of patients: eyelids, scalp, neck, trunk, axillae (red-brown to yellow nodules & indurated plaques).	Fever, bone lesions, exophthalmos, diabetes insipidus, involvement of the lungs, kidneys, adrenals, heart, CNS, retroperitoneum & testes; high mortality rate.
Sea-blue histiocyte syndrome (sea-blue histiocytosis) • Inherited • Acquired	Usually adolescence/young adulthood (inherited form)	Skin involvement rare (inherited form): Facial (macular hyperpigmentation & nodules).	Histiocytes contain cytoplasmic granules that stain azure blue with May-Grünwald stain; multiple organs involved; can be fatal.

Adapted from: Bologna et al., Dermatology Textbook, Third edition, 2012.

# Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders

• Represent: Heterogenous group of inherited disorders

• Ch. ch By:

Immune System defect that Result in → Susceptibility to infections as well as → additional manifestations

Such as: → autoimmunity  
→ allergy  
→ malignancy

• ptn e genetic immunodeficiency Disorders → manifest o Cutaneous abnormalities

• Some of these skin finding are highly ch. ch of particular disorder

• others as:- eczematous OR granulomatous dermatitis → are shared By othe immunodeficiency



## ● Causes of 1<sup>st</sup> immunodeficiency:

### ① Disorder of Cell-mediated immunity:

- Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)
- MHC antigen deficiency (class I, class II)
- other combined immunodeficiency & -
  - CDi George anomaly
  - Wiskott - Aldrich Syndrome.
  - X-linked - Hyper IgM &
  - Autoimmune lymphoproliferative Syndrome)

### ② DNA Repair defect:

- Xeroderma pigmentosum
- ataxia telangiectasia
- Bloom's Syndrome
- Fanconi's anemia.

### ③ Defect of antibody production:

- X-linked agammaglobulinemia
- IgA deficiency

### ④ Disorders of phagocytic cells:

- Chronic granulomatous disease
- Neutropenia
- Hyper-IgE Syndrome
- Leukocyte adhesion Disorder

### ⑤ Complement disorders: deficiencies

### ⑥ Other immunodeficiency:

- Anhidrotic ectodermal dysplasia
- Incontinentia pigmentari
- Dyskeratosis Congenita
- Papillon - LeFebvre Syndrome.

## ● Causes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Immunodeficiency:

### ① Infections:

- Viruses → HIV - HBV - measles - Rubella
- Bacterial → sepsis - Tuberculosis
- Parasitic + protozoal infection

### ② Drugs:

- ↳ Immunosuppressive Drugs: - Corticosteroids - Cyclophosphamide
- ↳ Biologicals: Anti-TNF - anti-CD3 - anti-CD4
- ↳ Anticonvulsants: Phenytoin - Carbamazepine
- ↳ Physical therapy: Irradiation, plasmapheresis
- ↳ Malignancy: lymphoma - leukemia - Myeloma
- ↳ Metabolic: DM - chronic Renal failure - Nutritional deficiency
- ↳ Miscellaneous: Burns - toxins
- ③ alcohol - Cigarettes - extremes of age.



Test	Finding	Immunodeficiency identified
Complete blood count with differential, platelet count & examination of smear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giant granules within neutrophils, <math>\pm</math> neutropenia.</li> <li>Neutrophilia.</li> <li>Small platelets, thrombocytopenia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chédiak-Higashi syndrome.</li> <li>Leukocyte adhesion deficiency.</li> <li>Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.</li> </ul>
Hair shaft examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small, regular clumps of melanin.</li> <li>Large, irregular clumps of melanin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chédiak-Higashi syndrome.</li> <li>Griscelli syndrome (type 2; RAB27A).</li> </ul>
Quantitative immunoglobulins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Ig<math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgA<math>\downarrow</math>, IgG<math>\downarrow</math>, <math>\pm</math> IgM<math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgA<math>\downarrow</math> or IgM<math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgM<math>\uparrow</math>, all other Ig<math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgM<math>\uparrow</math>, <math>\pm</math> IgA<math>\uparrow</math>, <math>\pm</math> IgG<math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgA<math>\downarrow</math>, IgE<math>\downarrow</math>, IgG<math>_{2,4}</math><math>\downarrow</math></li> <li>IgE<math>\uparrow\uparrow</math></li> <li>IgM<math>\downarrow</math>, <math>\pm</math> IgG<math>\downarrow</math>, IgA<math>\uparrow</math>, IgE<math>\uparrow</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X-linked agammaglobulinemia.</li> <li>Common variable immunodeficiency.</li> <li>Selective IgA or IgM deficiency.</li> <li>Hyper-IgM syndrome.</li> <li>Hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia with immunodeficiency.</li> <li>Ataxia-telangiectasia.</li> <li>Hyper-IgE syndrome.</li> <li>Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.</li> </ul>
Total hemolytic complement (CH50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marked <math>\downarrow</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various complement deficiencies.</li> </ul>
Nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) reduction assay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;10% of normal NBT reduction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic granulomatous disease.</li> </ul>
T- & B-cell analysis by flow cytometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of T-cells <math>\pm</math> B-cells.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe combined immunodeficiency.</li> </ul>

### Miscellaneous

- Management of metabolic complications of erythroderma. (2012).
- Etiology and management of a case of erythroderma. (2007).
- Erythroderma: causes, d.d, complications, lit. (2008).
- Definition and causes of face flushing. (2010).
- How to approach a case of perforating dermatoses. (2010).

Differential diagnosis of erythematous eruption in the crural area (2001).

Differential diagnosis of chronic oral ulcers (2001).

Outdoor swimming pool related dermatoses (2001).

Hand, foot and mouth disease (2001).

Veles (2000).

Diagnostic approach to big toe nail hyperpigmentation (2000).

Almoplastar keratoderma (2000).

Differential diagnosis of white patch of oral mucosa (2000).

Differential diagnosis of annular erythema (1999).

Temperature dependent skin disorders (1999).

Sufficient or unbalanced food intake may have dermatological sequelae. Discuss the statement (1999).



# Cutaneous findings in primary immunodeficiency disorders

Disorder	S. aureus infections		CMC	Warts	Eczematous dermatitis	Granulomatous dermatitis* (non-infectious)	IE	SVV	Ulcers (PG-like)	Other findings
	Superficial pyodermas	Abscesses								
Ataxia-telangiectasia	+	+			+	+				Oculocutaneous, telangiectasias, progeric changes, CALM, BCC.
Chédiak-Higashi syndrome	+	+							+	Pigmentary dilution, hyperpigmentation in sun-exposed sites, silvery hair, bleeding diathesis, gingivitis.
Chronic granulomatous disease	++	++	+		+	++ (nodular, necrotic)	+		+	DLE in female carriers, Sweet's syndrome, oral ulcers
Chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis			++			++ (candida)				Dermatophyte infections, vitiligo, alopecia areata
Common variable immunodeficiency	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	Dermatophyte infections, vitiligo, alopecia areata
Complement deficiencies	+	+	+				++	+	+	Dermatomyositis, urticaria, lipodystrophy (C3), JIA
DiGeorge syndrome†			+		+	+				
Hyper-IgE syndrome	++	++ (cold)	+	†	++					Neonatal papulopustular eruption
Hyper-IgM syndrome	+	+		+		+	+		+	Oral ulcers
Idiopathic CD4+ lymphocytopenia			+	++			+			
IgA deficiency	+	+	+		+		+	+	+	Vitiligo, lipodystrophya centrifugal abdominalis



## Cutaneous findings in primary immunodeficiency disorders (Cont'd)

Disorder	S. aureus Infections		CMC	Warts	Eczematous dermatitis	Granulomatous dermatitis* (non-infectious)	LE	SVV	Ulcers (PG-like)	Other findings
	Superficial pyodermas	Abscesses								
IgM deficiency	+	+		+	+		+			
IL-1 receptor-associated kinase-4 (IRAK-4) deficiency	++	++ (cold)	+							
Leukocyte adhesion deficiency		++ (necrotic)							++	Poor wound healing, delayed separation of the umbilical stump, gingivitis
SCID	+	+	+	+	+	+				GVHD, erythroderma (Omenn syndrome)
TAP deficiency						++		+	+	
WHIM syndrome	+	+		++						
Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome	++	+			++	+		+		Bleeding diathesis
X-linked agammaglobulinemia	+	++			+	+				Dermatomyositis-like eruption (due to echovirus); ecthyma gangrenosum

\* Extensive cutaneous & extracutaneous granulomatous disease (including destructive midfacial granulomas) has been described in children with hypomorphic RAG1 or RAG2 mutations.

† Defective thymic function, hypocalcemia secondary to hypoparathyroidism, congenital heart defects, & craniofacial anomalies, due to 21q11 deletions.

‡ Patients with autosomal recessive forms of hyper-IgE syndrome are also at increased risk of developing mucocutaneous squamous cell carcinoma & severe warts, molluscum contagiosum & herpes simplex or varicella-zoster viral infections.

+, occasional findings; ++, common finding; BCC, basal cell carcinoma; CALM, café-au-lait macules; CMC, chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis; DLE, discoid lupus erythematosus; GVHD, graft-versus-host disease; IL, interleukin; JIA, juvenile idiopathic arthritis; LE, lupus erythematosus; PG, pyoderma gangrenosum; SCID, severe combined immunodeficiency; SVV, small vessel vasculitis; TAP, transporter associated with antigen processing; WHIM, warts, hypogammaglobulinemia, infections & myelokathexis.

Bolognia et al., Dermatology Textbook, Third edition, 2012.



## Miscellaneous

- Management of metabolic complications of erythroderma. (2012).
- Erythroderma: causes, u.d, complications, m. (2008).
- Definition and causes of face flushing. (2010).
- How to approach a case of perforating dermatoses. (2010).
- Non infectious pustular lesions of skin in adult. (2009).
- Differential diagnosis of an erythematous plaque on the face (2006).
- Differential diagnosis of erythroderma in infancy and childhood (2004 - 1990).
- Differential diagnosis of papular eruption on the face (2003).
- Red Baby (2003).
- Dermatologic conditions that may affect man from cats (2003).
- Differential diagnosis of erythema on the face (2003).
- Skin diseases caused or aggravated by exposure to cold (2002).
- Differential diagnosis of hyperpigmented patches of the cheeks (2002).
- Give short account of microabscesses in different skin lesions (2001).
- Differential diagnosis of skin colored papular eruptions around eye (2001).
- Etiology and management of a case of erythroderma. (2007).
- Erythroderma: causes, d.d, complications, tt.



- Differential diagnosis of erythematous eruption in the crural area (2001).
- Differential diagnosis of chronic oral ulcers (2001).
- Outdoor swimming pool related dermatoses (2001).
- Hand, foot and mouth disease (2001).
- Chelitis (2000).
- The diagnostic approach to big toe nail hyperpigmentation (2000).
- Palmoplantar keratoderma (2000).
- Differential diagnosis of white patch of oral mucosa (2000).
- Differential diagnosis of annular erythema (1999).
- Temperature dependent skin disorders (1999).
- Insufficient or unbalanced food intake may have dermatological sequelae. Discuss the statement (1999).
- Differential diagnosis of brownish black maculopapular lesion less than 1 cm in diameter on the cheek in an adult male (1999).
- The nail changes as a manifestation of dermatological conditions (1999).
- Pustular eruption in neonates (1997).
- Differential diagnosis of ulcers and erosions of the mouth (1996).
- Circumscribed area of loss of scalp hair: discuss how to arrive at the diagnosis of a case of (1994).



News Feed



Requests



Messages



Notifications



More